Punjab IG asked to move against 'adulteration mafia'

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI: Delays in the registration of FIRs against the 'adulteration mafia' have allegedly hampered the law enforcement process and allowed them to continue engaging in the menace of adulteration through various illegal channels, endangering public life.

Following concerns regarding delays in the registration of FIRs against the 'adulteration mafia', the Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has requested the Punjab Inspector General of Police (IGP) to issue directions to police across the province for the registration of FIRs against habitual offenders involved in food adulteration, as several applications in this regard have been lying unattended by the concerned police.

The authority said in a letter to the IGP Punjab that food adulteration is a pervasive issue with serious health implications. The deliberate addition of non-food substances to food items poses severe health risks, ranging from mild complications to life-threatening chronic diseases such as severe food poisoning leading to organ failure, gastrointestinal disorders and various cancers, the food authority said.

To curb this menace, field enforcement teams of the PFA said they have been conducting operational activities across the province since 2017, making all-out efforts to provide safe and adulteration-free food to the public. To this end, a special crackdown has also been launched against adulterated milk and unsafe meat sellers across Punjab.

The objective of these efforts is to hold accountable those food business operators who are involved in habitual food adulteration, the authority said. "However, despite these continuous efforts, it has been observed that in several districts, applications for the registration of FIRs duly submitted by the food authority against habitual offenders have not yet been registered by the concerned police stations," the authority said.

It said the delay not only hampers the process of law enforcement but also allows the culprits to continue their illegal activities with impunity, as the adulteration mafia continues to engage in this crime through various illegal channels, the authority said.

A key factor contributing to this persistence is the delay in the registration of FIRs against habitual offenders and the non-submission of challans in the concerned courts within the prescribed time.

The food authority said that necessary directions should be issued to the concerned police authorities for the immediate registration of FIRs on all pending applications submitted by the food authority. The authority also highlighted special raids conducted on milk vehicles transporting adulterated milk and milk shops selling the product. The majority of the raids were carried out in Lahore, Rawalpindi, Sargodha and Sheikhupura. Still, the FIRs are yet to be registered, the authority said.

Warrants for ex-CM Gandapur issued

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: A judicial magistrate on Monday issued arrest warrants for former Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister Ali Amin Gandapur in a liquor and arms recovery case after he failed to appear before the court despite repeated summons.

Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Hassan Chishti took up the case, while Mr Gandapur once again remained absent, prompting the court to issue arrest warrants and direct his production at the next hearing scheduled for November 24. The case was registered at the Barakahu police station.

Meanwhile, proceedings in the controversial tweet case against lawyer Imaan Mazari and her spouse Hadi Ali Chatha were adjourned by Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka until November 19.

During the hearing, Ms Mazari submitted a new power of attorney, and her counsel requested additional time to prepare arguments.

Judge Majoka observed that the court would record testimony and conduct cross-examination at the next hearing, instructing all parties to ensure full preparation.

The case has been registered by the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) under relevant cybercrime laws, and hearings are underway.

The court subsequently adjourned proceedings and fixed November 19 for further hearing.

Public goodwill towards China increased since 2015: report

Survey respondents credit CPEC-linked development, improved security and increased social interaction for shift

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: A new study has found Pakistani public goodwill toward China strengthened markedly between 2015 and 2025 with respondents crediting CPEC-linked development, improved security and increased social interaction for the shift.

The study also notes that the May 2025 Pakistan-India war further boosted China's standing among participants.

Authored by Dr Hassan Siddique, communications specialist at the World Bank's Punjab Green Development Programme, and Yasir Habib Khan, President Institute of International Relations and Media Research, the study examined how public perceptions evolved before and after CPEC's implementation.

It investigated two core questions: how Pakistanis viewed China prior to 2015 and how those views changed after a decade of corridor projects.

Using a quantitative approach, the researchers surveyed respondents from government, the establishment, business, academia, media, cultural circles, think-tanks, religious groups, civil society and the general public.

Closed-ended items measured attitudes across economic, social, and strategic dimensions, while statistical comparisons and visualisations tracked shifts in sentiment.

The research findings show that Pakistanis entered the CPEC era with already favourable views, shaped by longstanding diplomatic cooperation and defence ties.

Before 2015, China was largely seen as a steadfast political and strategic ally, though with limited presence in day-to-day economic life. Expectations at the time centred on China eventually assuming a more active developmental role.

The study reports that perceptions improved further after visible CPEC outcomes, particularly in infrastructure, transport links and connectivity. Respondents highlighted ease of doing business, enhanced security and increased social interaction between Chinese and Pakistani workers as key contributors.

Cultural exchange and routine workplace cooperation were cited as elements that elevated trust and made the corridor a people-centred undertaking.

According to the authors, performance and delivery were the most decisive opinion drivers, while media exposure and people-to-people contact served as secondary reinforcements.

The report concludes that Pakistani goodwill toward China is closely tied to tangible outcomes, transparency and clear communication of shared goals.

The authors note that CPEC's ongoing expansion and its social spillovers are likely to continue shaping public attitudes, with future perception trends depending on project continuity and economic impact.

Beyond geopolitics, enhanced exchange of religious groups, think-tanks, bureaucracy (civil, military and judicial) besides cultural and educational exchanges have also played a critical role in shaping these perceptions.

The trend of learning Chinese language has evolved from a cultural curiosity into a strategic economic and educational necessity within the context of CPEC.

The findings show that Pakistani students and professionals increasingly view Chinese language proficiency as a tool for career advancement, academic mobility and cross-border collaboration.

CPEC has been the subject of extensive research and public discourse since its formal launch in 2015, emerging as one of the most ambitious undertakings within China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Designed to link China's western region of Xinjiang with Pakistan's Gwadar Port, CPEC represents both a strategic and economic partnership that seeks to transform Pakistan's infrastructure, energy and trade landscape.

It was also highlighted that the English-language media in Pakistan has adopted a pro-CPEC stance, reinforcing government narratives while minimising critical perspectives, while social media has amplified both enthusiasm and scepticism.

Korean agency submits feasibility study for seed potato centre

By Amin Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: The South Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has submitted a feasibility study to the government for the establishment of a 'Seed potato production and supply centre' in Islamabad that will reduce the dependency on imported potato seed by about 80 per cent.

Presenting the feasibility study to Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain on Monday, KOICA Director Je Ho Yeon termed the proposed project a model initiative for long-term agricultural cooperation between South Korea and Pakistan.

He said Korea had achieved global success in seed potato production through aeroponics and advanced cold-chain systems and KOICA was ready to transfer this expertise to Pakistan on a large scale.

The KOICA official stated that the project will not only strengthen local seed production but also build institutional capacity through modern training programmes, ERP-based traceability and post-harvest management systems. He reaffirmed KOICA's full support in ensuring that Pakistan develops a sustainable, high-tech seed potato production system.

South Korea, a global leader in agricultural innovation, offers solutions in mass scale seed potato production through aeroponics technology. Leveraging the expertise through bilateral collaboration presents an opportunity for Pakistan to transform its agriculture sector.

Previously, eight aeroponics, 36 screen houses and one cold storage had been established at NARC under a Pakistan Korea joint project. A proposal to establish a seed potato production and supply centre at Pakistan Agricultural Research Centre had been submitted KOICA.

KOICA will provide financial contribution of $10 million for the project, while the government will provide over $5 million, including the operational cost. Work on the four-year project will commence in 2027.

KOICA and Pakistani experts hope that domestic production of virus-free seed potatoes will substantially increase with the completion of the project, whereas 70 to 80 per cent dependency on imported seed will be reduced. Pakistan needs more than 0.9 million tonnes seed potato annually.

The project will improve access to high-quality certified seed for over 100,000 farmers across the country, contributing to increased yields, reduced input costs and improved income stability and food security.

The food security minister welcomed the Korean initiative and appreciated KOICA's continued commitment to Pakistan's agricultural development, describing the project as a timely and transformational initiative for the country's potato sector.

He said that Pakistan's heavy reliance on imported seed potatoes - despite its massive cultivation area and high demand - remained a critical challenge that must be addressed through technology and collaboration.

He said the project would significantly reduce import dependency and help Pakistan achieve self-sufficiency in high-quality seed production.

The minister added that Korea's leadership in aeroponics and tissue culture technology offers Pakistan a unique opportunity to modernise its seed systems, enhance productivity by up to 20 per cent and expand access to virus-free certified seed for more than 100,000 farmers.

He assured the Korean delegation that the government was fully committed to facilitating the early approval and implementation of the project, as it directly aligns with national priorities of food security and agricultural modernisation.

BISP introduces social protection wallets for beneficiaries

ISLAMABAD: The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has launched Social Protection Wallets for its one million registered beneficiaries in order to make the stipend system more transparent and easier.

For this purpose, the social safety net has begun distributing free SIMs to as many eligible women.

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif had directed BISP to introduce this new payment model for its beneficiaries, marking a historic step towards digital financial inclusion.

This initiative is among the largest social protection projects in the world, BISP claimed.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, shared important guidelines regarding the Social Protection Wallet.

She stated that eligible women must visit their nearest BISP office or designated camp site with their original CNIC and active mobile phone. After biometric verification, they will be provided a free mobile SIM, which will be used to activate their Social Protection Wallet.

Senator Rubina Khalid strongly cautioned women not to pay anyone for the SIM, as it is completely free of cost. She emphasised that the Social Protection Wallet will be activated on this SIM only by BISP and advised women that they should not contact any unauthorised external sources to get it activated.

She added that this new system will make the disbursement of BISP funds more convenient, secure, and transparent. The chairperson further stated that in future, all BISP instalments and stipends will be transferred exclusively through this social protection wallet, and all payment-related messages will also be received on this particular SIM. — Bakhtawar Mian

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(Method of Procurement: Single Stage - Two Envelope Procedure)

Tenders are invited E-Bid through newly method of "EPADS" on Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure from eligible bidders as per details below, strictly in accordance with SPPRA's E-Procurement submission requirements:

SN	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost Rs.	Bid Security	Tender Cost Rs.	PEC Category with Codes
1.	CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF ROAD FROM GULSHAN-E-HADEED MOR TO ALLAHWALI CHOWRANGI, DISTRICT MALIR, KARACHI. (ADP#1940/2025-26).	496,000,000/-	5% of Estimated Cost	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-3 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01, CE09, CE10, EE06

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:

a) The participants must quote their rates both in words and figures.
b) Bid should be signed along-with company's stamp.
c) Bid Security / Earnest Money should be made from the Account of the Company / Firm of the participant.
d) Pay Order of the Bid Security shall be uploaded along-with Bid on the website of "EPADS SPPRA Sindh as well as shall be summit Physically in the Office of the Chairman Procurement Committee situated at 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi before opening of the Bid.
e) Integrity Pact on the Stamp Paper worth Rs.200/-.
f) The bidder shall submit non-refundable Tender(s) cost as mentioned in the NIT in shape of Pay-Order from any scheduled Bank of Pakistan in favour of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) at the time of the announcement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

a) Copy of CNIC.
b) Valid PEC and Category relevant field of specialization codes (where applicable).
c) Valid NTN Certificate (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List. of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
d) Valid SRB Registration Certificate. (The bidder must be on active Tax payer List of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
e) Valid Professional Tax Certificate.
f) Proposed Construction Schedule: The Bidder must provided Construction Schedule in Bar Chart as per Appendix-D. (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
g) Valid Electrical License from Government of Sindh (Karachi Region).
h) Affidavit / Undertaking regarding Firm never been black listed OR not involved in any Court Case/Litigation with any Government/Semi Government Department for the last five years.
i) Average Annual Turnover at least Rs. 400.00 Million Minimum cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
j) Annual Audit Report of last five years from (ICAP) Registration Audit Firms, Audit Report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will not be accepted.
k) List of Machinery and Equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / Lease / rented (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
l) At least one similar nature of work having minimum cost 80% of the estimated cost of work: OR At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimated cost for last five years duly supported with Completion Certificate.
m) Bio data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm as required and mentioned in bidding documents.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. **Bidding / Tender Documents:** Bidding Documents shall be downloaded from the website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) of SPPRA Sindh.
2. **Submission Date:**
All bids (Technical & Financial) must be submitted ONLINE only via SPPRA e-Procurement System "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) both the Technical and Financial Proposal shall be submitted / uploaded in respective section and manual physical submissions will not be accepted.
Bid shall be submitted online on or before 05-12-2025 by 10:00 AM and only the Technical Bid will be initially opened on 05-12-2025 by 10:30 AM at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee Engineering Department KMC in the presence of the Procurement Committee as well as the presence of the Contractor(s) or their authorized representatives of interested bidders, if desired.
In case of any reasons, if the tenders are not responded on the above date, the next date of submitted online on or before 22-12-2025 by 11:00 AM and will be opened on 22-12-2025 by 11:30 AM .
3. **Funded Through:** Provincial ADP (2025-26).
4. **Bid Validity Period:** 90 Days
5. **Under following Conditions bid will be rejected:**
i. Hard Copy of Bid or by Hand bid will not be accepted.
ii. Conditional Bid will not be accepted.
iii. Bid uploaded / submitted after specified date and time.
iv. Black listed firms.
v. Submitted Documents if found forged at any stage.
vi. Pay-Order of the Bid Security submitted physically before the date of opening.
6. The competent authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals subject to the relevant provision of SPPRA Rules.
7. Interested bidders are requested to register their firm(s) / company(s) on SPPRA website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) for submission of e-bid.
8. The technical proposals submitted by the bidders will be evaluated by Procurement Committee as per evaluation criteria and mandatory requirements given in the Technical Proposal and thereafter financial proposals of technically qualified bids will be opened by the same Committee on the date and time to be communicated to the bidders.
9. The financial proposals of the bids, found technically non-responsive shall be returned unopened to the respective bidders.
10. In case the date of opening or last date of sale is declared as a public holiday by the Government or non-working day due to any reason, the next working day shall be deemed to be the date for last date of sale and submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same.
11. **Bid Security:** Bid Security as mentioned above in shape of pay order or Bank Guarantee (on specified Performa) attached with the Technical Offer in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) shall be enclosed as follows: -
a) Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security. Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope in case of non-compliance, the part of Bid Security attached with the technical offer shall be forfeited.
c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.
12. Canvassing in connection with tendering is strictly prohibited and proposals submitted by the contractors who are reported to be involved in canvassing are liable for rejection.
13. Joint Venture (JV) will not be allowed.
14. All SPPRA Rules / Notifications must be followed.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the interested contractors / companies for the following works under SPPRA Rules 2010 amended 2019.

S.No	Name of Article	Estd. Cost in millions	Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Time for completion
1	Repair & Renovation Work of Model Police Station Matiari (Ground floor including outside premises) Part-A	9.9910	5%	3,000	90 Day
2	Repair & Renovation Work of Model Police Station Matiari (First Floor Roof W/S & S/F & E.I work) Part-B	9.8230	5%	3,000	90 Day

The blank tender forms will be issued from the date of publication during office timings. The tenders duly filled shall receive back till 11-12-2025 at 14:00 Hrs & opened on same day at 15:00 Hrs presence of all interested bidders who wish to attend & procurement committees.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Blank tenders will be issued to the agencies / Firms on the payment of tender fee (non refundable).
2. Conditional/blank, Incomplete and not accompanied with call deposit will not be considered.
3. If the competent authority remains out of Head Quarter on the date of opening of the tenders, if any holiday announced by Government, then tenders will be received & opened on the next working day on same schedule & place.
4. Agencies/Firms should be registered with Sindh Revenue Board and Income Tax authorities.
5. The agency/contractor should have completed at least 03 Nos works of similar nature in last three years.
6. Bank statement / Audit report / other documents of the last three years showing annual financial turn over amounting to Rs.20.0 (M) per year.
7. The intending participants must be registered with PEC, for the year 2025-2026 limit relevant category.
8. The competent authority reserved right to reject any or all tenders according SPPRA Rules 2010 amended 2019.
9. The intending contractor/ firm should submit the Affidavit to affect the whether he is not involved in any litigation and he required to submit procurement related history of litigations.
10. The intending contractors/ firm should submit the Affidavit to affect the whether he is not currently on the list of blacklisted suppliers by any government/donor agency
11. Separate proposal be submitted for each category above.

NOTE: This NIT can be seen on SPPRA website at www.pprasindh.gov.pk & www.portalsindh.eprocure.gov.pk also available at Sindh Police official websites at www.sindhpolice.gov.pk and https://beta.sindhpolice.gov.pk/matiari.

INFORMATION & PROCEDURE

Complete set of bidding documents containing the scope of work and relevant detail along with specification can be obtained by the Interested Contractors / Contracting Firms to Mr. Ali Dost Zardari, Accountant SSP Office Matiari Cell No. 0300-2215293 & Office No.022-2760020 during working hours. Method of Procurement will be single stage one envelop Procedure.

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